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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
January 30, 2007**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm and Weber; Ed Krasinski, Victim Advocate; Steve Marquis, Undersheriff; Mike Hoffman, County Planner; Kellie Doherty, Personnel Officer; Craig Doolittle, Sheriff; Tammy Johnson and Vanessa Lanz, Environomics; Tara Mastel and Tom Harrington, JLDC; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Marga Lincoln, *Helena Independent Record*; Celia Wolny, Kenda Erickson, Marilyn McCauley, Shirley Vossler, Rick Schlenker, Ernie Kennison, Jim McCauley, Kyle and Tamara Mobley, Allen Jones, Clarence Makela

Commissioner Weber stated that he wanted to make some preliminary comments. The Jefferson County Commission has always felt it important to have public input and they want this to continue. However, there have been instances when it has gone too far. From now on, there is going to be tighter control; people will need to behave or leave. They still want public participation, but it needs to be orderly and carefully monitored.

MINUTES

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to approve the minutes of January 9th. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Receipt of December cash report from Treasurer's office.

Receipt of list of substitute judges from Justice Court.

CALENDAR REVIEW

1/31 Lease signing for GSM Industrial Park - Whitehall - 10:00
RMDC - Helena - noon
Meet with Larry Swanson - Whitehall - 2:30
Horizons meeting - Boulder - 6:30
2/01 Meeting with Ray Barnicoat - 8:00
2/02 Whitehall Horizons - 6:00
2/06 Meeting with Sally Buckles regarding FM radio - 9:00
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COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he and Commissioner Notbohm met with Tammy Johnson to discuss the direction she needs to go in regards to roads and annexation strategy for the legislature. She gave them some very good advice.

Commissioner Notbohm reported that he took part in a conference call regarding budgets for Juvenile Detention on Thursday. Jefferson County is doing well so far this year, currently at 12% of their budget expended.

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he was at the legislature that morning talking up the annexation bill. He also attended a mental health gathering in the rotunda the previous day. Commissioner Notbohm noted that this is something that Commissioners do, attend the legislature, and they will be up there lobbying from time to time.

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL - J BAR T MEADOWS MINOR SUBDIVISION

Mike Hoffman presented his staff report. This is a five-lot minor subdivision with lots ranging in size from 2.00 acres to 10.38 acres, located southwest of Whitehall. A variance was previously granted for one point of ingress-egress. Mike recommended that preliminary plat approval be granted. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to grant preliminary plat approval to the J Bar T Meadows minor subdivision. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

ED KRASINSKI - PRESENT VOCA GRANT APPLICATION FOR SIGNATURE

Ed stated that the grant application is very similar to last year. He noted that next year will be his eighth year as Victim Advocate for the County. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to sign the grant application. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR FAIRGROUND PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS

Rick Schlenker stated that he has been working with the Fair Board for the past three or four years to convert a building for multi-purpose use, installing restrooms, etc. The bids were to be received by 5:00 p.m. yesterday, and none were received by that time. He does have one bid in hand, that was hand-carried to him after getting a call the previous afternoon that a contractor's bid was not quite ready. They have three options: they can waive the irregularities and open the bid, re-advertise, or reject all bids and go through the bid process again. He noted that it is hard to find someone with the time to bid on or do a project of this scale. Commissioner Weber asked Rick for some clarification - he heard verbally from the bidder? Rick stated that this is correct. The bidder called him at 1:00 p.m., stating that there was no way he would be able to get the bid to them by 5:00 p.m. Matt's opinion was not to postpone the bid. He received the bid this morning. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he and Rick have been conversing back and forth.

It is his recommendation to look at the bid and then determine what direction to take. They may need to go to phone bids, as smaller contractors may be interested.

Commissioner Weber asked about the advertising process used. Rick stated that ads were placed in the Boulder and Whitehall papers, and the plans were placed at the Helena and Butte Builder's Association. He also made some calls. Commissioner Weber stated that he would hesitate to open the bid and then do phone bids. It is easy to beat a number if the number is out there. He would prefer to hold this bid and open it after phone bids are done. Commissioner Notbohm stated that it is his opinion that at this point in time, there are no other bidders and he feels that this bid is going to come in higher than what the Fair Board has. Going through the bid process again will be costly. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he agrees. If they do go back out for bid, the project will be split, so it will be different. Commissioner Weber asked Rick to open the bid.

Rick stated that they sent out the bid specs as a base bid and four alternates. The bid came from Golden Eagle Construction as follows:

base bid	\$83,775
alternate #1	6,584
alternate #2	16,116
loading stairs	3,733
alt. delivery system	3,450

Rick stated that the total is over \$113,000, which exceeds the budget. Commissioner Weber stated that Commissioner Notbohm has been working with the Fair Board, and asked for his input. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he feels they need to reject the bid, go back and work with the Fair Board and try to break down the project. Commissioner Notbohm moved to reject the bid from Golden Eagle Construction. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF COUNTY PORTION OF METAL MINES TRUST FUNDS

Commissioner Weber stated that the JLDC was asked to give a recommendation on the use of funds. The JLDC presented their recommendations, which he read, and he also read a letter from Barbara Miller with the National Affordable Housing Network requesting matching funds in the amount of \$19,500 (on file in Clerk and Recorder's office).

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that it is important to note that when the funds were allocated for the grant and loan program in the south end of the county, the county retained control of the funds. The money is not allocated to an outside group, but held at the county for our approval before it is expended. If the Commission approves all or any part of the recommendations from the JLDC, the money stays with the County until it is expended. Commissioner Notbohm stated that two other contracts are also being considered and they have discussed using metal mines funds for these. He feels that it is premature to allocate money at this time, until the JLDC reporting piece is worked out.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he agrees with this in regards to items four and five. Items one, two, three and the contracts, he thinks that they can deal with now. Commissioner Weber noted that items one, two, three, six and seven are independent of JLDC. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he would also like to express his concern with the lease signing to take

place the next day in Whitehall. When the industrial park in Whitehall took place, the land was to be given to Jefferson County, then it went to a 99-year lease, and now it is a 40-year lease with the possibility of two five-year extensions. There would then be the chance for the people in the park to buy the property. The problem he has with this is that the land is given to the JLDC with the lease and it is up to them to release it. No bank out there will loan money to build a business without them owning the land. Commissioner Weber asked Commissioner Notbohm if he doesn't want them to proceed with item four. Commissioner Notbohm stated that this is correct. They will never see a return on the amount of money that they have put into the Whitehall project. Commissioner Weber stated that they already agreed that they will hold off on items four and five for today, so this needs no discussion.

Commissioner Weber stated that for item one, they could pig-tail with the request from Barbara Miller for the grant match. He feels that it is appropriate to keep the affordable housing within the Jefferson High School boundaries. He noted that the Commission has previously allocated \$10,000 for a person to coordinate these efforts. Tara stated that the \$10,000 was originally thought to be used for staff until grant funding could take over, with the remaining \$40,000 to be used for these purposes - grant match and also for revolving purposes, some that will be recaptured through the sale of homes. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if they are still looking for a person or if they would like more latitude on the use of this money. Tara stated that they haven't made any progress on this. They are working with the local housing group. Commissioner Lythgoe noted that as well as the local group is working, they may not need to hire a person. Tara agreed that this is very much a possibility, but they are not ready to close that door yet. They discussed how to proceed, and Commissioner Weber stated that they should take each item separately.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to allocate \$19,500 as a grant match for the purchase of property for affordable housing in Boulder. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. Discussion followed. Marga Lincoln stated that it was her understanding that no decisions would be made at this meeting. Commissioner Weber stated that this is correct. Commissioner Lythgoe withdrew his motion. He stated that his recommendation will be to do so at the following meeting. He stated that he would also recommend that the \$50,000 be changed to \$19,500. If they need more money for the affordable housing project, they can always ask for more. Tara stated that it is their recommendation that \$50,000 be earmarked for housing, so it doesn't get spent elsewhere. Commissioner Lythgoe said that his position as a Commissioner is that affordable housing is so important, it won't be limited to \$50,000. It is not necessary to establish \$50,000 as the amount, as it could go above and beyond. Commissioner Weber noted that this document is not the Commission's; it is a recommendation from another entity. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they can use this as a basis, they don't need to amend the document.

Regarding item two, the grant program, Commissioner Lythgoe said that his recommendation would be that the Commission consider \$250,000 be earmarked for the grant program, to be crafted similar to the one in the Whitehall area. Commissioner Notbohm noted that this will not be given in a lump sum, but spaced over several years. Commissioner Weber explained how the grant program has worked in the Whitehall area. Celia asked if, when it comes time to finalize this, they could go over again how grants are selected.

Bonnie stated that she doesn't understand why they are doing this at this time, as it is usually done at budget time. She asked why they wanted to tie this to a certain amount, and why they wouldn't want to be able to allocate \$75,000 if a good project comes along. Commissioner Weber stated that he thinks the intention is to have the certainty that grants will be available over a five year period; that it all won't be spent in one cycle. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he understands Bonnie's point and noted that all of the money will stay with the county. This is just a marker - all of the money stays in the same pot. Tom Harrington stated that what Bonnie is talking about happened in Whitehall the first year. The first grant cycle the requests greatly exceeded the allocation, and they were worthy projects. The grant committee made a request to increase the yearly amount, which was done for a time, then the requests tapered off.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that item three, the loan program, has been in place for four years in Whitehall and two loans have been given. They will be designating money for this, but it will depend on the use.

Commissioner Weber stated that they previously decided that they would not deal with items four and five at this time, and item six has already been done. Item seven deals with approximately \$747,217, and can be used in a variety of ways.

a.) debt reduction - The only debt the County is carrying at this time is the Cental Shop and Solid Waste. Bonnie stated that there is no benefit to paying off Solid Waste; she can check on the Central Shop.

b.) fund consultants - Commissioner Weber stated that he feels that it is appropriate to earmark funds so that the public can see how it is to be spent. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that items b and c are combined, and need to be considered together. He would recommend that they set aside \$150,000 for that category. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he is somewhat in agreement with what Bonnie has said; they need to deal with these as is, rather than tying future Commissions into this. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he agrees; the only reason he would indicate the amount is because of the significant public interest on the amount, particularly as it relates to road issues. Another option would be to adopt item seven in total. Commissioner Weber stated that his concern with items b and c is the time frame. They need to add that this could be a long-time commitment. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he would just leave number seven as is and not allocate dollar amounts to items b and c. The public knows that we have "x" amount in reserve and will use it for research and lobbying. Commissioner Weber stated that he would like to separate annexation and infrastructure.

Celia Wolney stated that she knows that the Commission met with Tammy Johnson, and it was her understanding that information was going to be brought forward to this meeting. She asked how she can find out what was discussed. Commissioner Notbohm stated that basically what they discussed is what was heard here today - annexation and roads. They may use her to help with our bill. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that there were two key points: the road issue - we need to start from scratch with Tammy and she needs to come before the Commission with a recommendation for a blanket resolution or to take roads one by one. She will be given the research that has been done by Commissioner Weber. Also, they had a strategic discussion regarding annexation - who to talk to, how to prepare for testimony. Celia asked if they discussed mining law. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they did discuss this, as she is somewhat of an expert on this. However, this legislature is not the one to be militant with. Jan
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stated that she is distressed that they had a meeting that didn't keep minutes; she stated that they need to be careful of this.

Bonnie stated, to get back to the original comment regarding item seven, at any point in time these monies could be used to decrease mill levies. Commissioner Weber stated that he feels it is appropriate to add this as subsection (g). The only dollar amount to be set in item seven is the central shop debt reduction.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he would almost like to re-visit items two and three. He stated that maybe the loan program needs a set amount, but the grant program could be year-to-year. Commissioner Weber stated that, sitting in on the conversation of the grant committee, they like to have set amounts so that they know what they have this cycle and the next cycle.

Commissioner Weber read several letters related to using metal mines monies for the road issue into the record as requested (on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office). Commissioner Weber stated that the Commission has no desire to take or exert control over state or federal roads. The Commission's interest is in identifying County rights-of-way within the County.

Jim McCauley stated that he has been involved in the roads and right-of-way process since 1985 when the official Jefferson County road book was established. He stated that it is the responsibility of the Commission, by law, to protect public rights-of-way. He stated that there are differences of opinion in how to approach, but there is a very logical way to do this. He noted that legislation allows Counties to have various levels of maintenance on public rights-of-way. Every citizen in the United States has private property rights regarding these rights-of-way. Once a road is closed and documented, it is very difficult to reopen. He has talked to Forest Service officials, and most don't disagree with what this Commission is trying to do. However, they need a game plan so that the agencies involved understand what they propose to do. From what he has heard today, there is a misunderstanding by the public of what the Commission is trying to do. He reiterated that the Commission has a responsibility to protect public rights-of-way, and he feels that the Commission is doing the right thing. He feels that the Commission needs to adopt a resolution outlining what they want to do, then go back and outline road by road. He talked with the Forest Service, and they have the right, adjacent to the road, to protect the land for the public, but they have no authority to close a road. The Commission needs to make a decision and move forward. These public rights-of-way need to be protected. Jim noted that he is speaking for over 1300 people who signed a petition. He also understands that there are many people on the other side of the fence. He stated that the Commission needs to move forward; the forest plan will be adopted soon. Commissioner Notbohm stated that they have met with the Forest Service and BLM quite a bit this past year, and they understand what the Commission wants to do. He doesn't feel that a resolution will land us in court, as the Forest Service seems more than willing to work with us.

Jim stated that the Forest Service and BLM aren't always on the same page either. He feels that the Commission needs to take a central role and proceed. He has also talked with the Forest Service, and there are a couple of them that he feels would help us also.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that no matter what they do, they will still need to take a few roads

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at a time. The Forest Service has indicated that if we do that, they can okay the roads at the local level. No matter what they do, the research needs to be done, and they don't have the time to do it. This is the reason they are looking for outside help. Jim stated that his recommendation is for the Commission to adopt a resolution with a mission statement.

Celia stated that this would be a good time for an evening public meeting. It could clear up confusion, or allow people to make their point. Commissioner Weber stated that he can't speak for the Commission, but he himself is willing to have an evening meeting. He noted that historically, they don't work. Commissioner Lythgoe stated it won't change the direction of the Commission. They have heard from the majority of the constituency that they are going in the right direction. An evening meeting may give them a chance to explain themselves, but he can't see that they would hear anything that would change their minds. Commissioner Weber stated that the laws are very specific that the Commission is going in the right direction. While they do get letters that the Commissioners aren't doing their job, they need to follow the law. This is why he is in favor of a night meeting to explain. Celia stated that getting information has helped her to understand the process, get facts, etc. She stated that information is very powerful, and an evening meeting would show that the Commission is willing to listen and get input. Commissioner Weber stated that he is willing to do so. Commissioner Lythgoe said that he feels it is the right thing to do. Commissioner Notbohm noted that they can have evening meetings, but it needs to be made clear that this is something we need to do.

Jim stated that there is a legal process to do all of this that needs to be followed. The legal process to close a road calls for a petition signed by ten free holders and public hearings. This stops confrontation. Commissioner Notbohm stated that the problem is that the Forest Service and BLM haven't followed the process.

DISCUSS RECOMMENDATION FOR NORTH END GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

Commissioner Weber stated that it has been recommended by the JLDC to follow what is done in the south end. There are application guidelines for both grants and loans. It is his recommendation to follow the recommendation of the JLDC, but he would also like to recommend that they consider the geographical makeup of the committee. Commissioner Lythgoe noted that MTAG has made a recommendation for the makeup of the committee. Tom Harrington stated that it should be broken up over the region. Commissioner Weber said that his recommendation would be two from the Clancy/Montana City area, one from Jefferson City and two from Boulder, with no more than three members to come from the JLDC, MTAG or CTAC. Tara stated that this was a mistake of hers; the JLDC wanted her to omit the last two lines with the recommendation for the makeup of the committee. They wanted to leave this up to the Commission. Commissioner Weber noted that the Solid Waste board has done similar attempts at representation, and it has been hard at times. However, he does like the idea of having the membership spread out. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if they should have one member from MTAG, who would be designated by that group. Commissioner Weber stated that this makes sense to him. He asked if it was agreeable with the other Commissioners to have four members from the area and one to be picked by MTAG. All agreed that this was a good idea.

Commissioner Lythgoe recommended that an ad be placed in the papers. They can try to fill the board geographically, but will fill with good people no matter where they are, as long as they are

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in the Jefferson High School District. Commissioner Notbohm asked how far the area would extend - to Basin or Elk Park? Bonnie stated that the high school district goes to Elk Park. Commissioner Notbohm agreed that he would rather see the membership spread out.

RESOLUTION 08-2007 ESTABLISH BURNING SEASON

Commissioner Lythgoe read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION 08-2007
ESTABLISHING BURNING SEASON**

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2205, MCA, provides that the county governing body may, at its discretion, establish fire seasons annually, during which time no person may ignite or set any forest fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris burning fire, or open fire within the County protection areas on any forest, range or cropland without having obtained an official written permit to ignite or set such fire from the recognized protection agency for that protection area; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2206, MCA, provides that any person who ignites or sets any forest fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris burning fire, or open fire within the County protection areas on any forest, range or croplands without having obtained an official written permit to ignite or set such fire is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed six (6) months, or both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners establish the 2007-2008 fire season for Jefferson County from the date of this resolution to February 29, 2008. During the period from March 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007, a person must obtain a permit from Jefferson County before igniting any fire referred to above. Any burning during the period from December 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008, an additional permit must be obtained from the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality authorizing burning during that period. This additional documentation must be presented to the recognized issuing agency for Jefferson County before a permit may be issued. Burning Permits can be written for a one (1) year period, but the permittee must call the appropriate dispatch center each time before burning. Permits are available at the following locations:

Marks-Miller Post and Pole
15 Lump Gulch Rd.
Clancy, MT 59634

Montana City Store
1 Jackson creek Rd.
Montana City, MT 59634

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
110 S Washington
Boulder, MT 59632

Whitehall Town Hall
PO Box 539
Whitehall, MT 59759

Gail Giono
208 West 1st
Whitehall, MT 59759

DATED this 30th day of January, 2007.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

KEN WEBER, CHAIR

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER

CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FUNDING FOR GIS POSITION

Kellie Doherty, personnel officer, stated that the previous GIS employee was part-time, working 6 months on and 6 months off, and had no desire to be full-time. This position had been fully funded with E-9-1-1 funds. This position has now been hired as a full-time position, and the sheriff has requested that this position not be fully funded with the E-9-1-1 funds in the future. Craig Doolittle, County Sheriff, stated that they will be going into phase one and phase two of wireless E-9-1-1 in the near future. This entails one-time fees of several thousand dollars, and will be a substantial upgrade to the current system. He outlined some of the services available, such as emergency notification of everyone in a certain area, and stated that this is where 9-1-1 money needs to be spent, in his opinion. His proposal is to phase out the E-9-1-1 funds being used for the GIS position over the next several years. He stated that GIS is an allowable use of the funds, but the required mapping work has been completed. Commissioner Notbohm stated

that the emergency notification sounds good, but noted that many people now solely use cell phones. Craig stated that they are working on the ability to call cell phones also. Commissioner Lythgoe asked how many dollars Craig was willing to put forward for the GIS program. Craig stated that the position won't be fully funded, as the budget was set for a part-time person. Kellie stated that the I.T. budget has about two months and a week of funding left. Craig stated that something else he sees coming out of the E-9-1-1 funds is another dispatcher, as calls have increased dramatically.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to fund the GIS position out of PILT for the remainder of the fiscal year. Commissioner Weber seconded. Bonnie stated that she wanted to reiterate what Craig said; next budget year, the Commission needs to figure where the money is to come from. Craig stated that, as a guideline, he would suggest the E-9-1-1 monies used be cut in half next year, and in half again the following year. He noted that Jefferson County is also currently covering northern Madison County. When they get their E-9-1-1 up and running, we will lose that revenue. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE COUNTY'S INVOLVEMENT REGARDING THE CARDWELL BRIDGE

Commissioner Weber stated that this is an old railroad bridge that is about to fall into the river. Many agencies were involved in trying to work something out, but Joe picked up the ball and ran with it. Everyone agrees that it is going to fall soon, and it will cause problems when it does. The problem is that no one owns the bridge.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that Joe gathered an impressive number of people representing the Army Corps of Engineers, FWP, DEQ, Madison County, MDT. Joe did a powerpoint presentation, which showed just how precariously the bridge is sitting. Everyone is concerned, but no one has the money or is willing to take responsibility. Commissioner Lythgoe suggested that Jefferson County step up to the plate and take the lead in this. The land is owned by an individual on one side of the river, and is in tax default on the other side. At the meeting Joe put together, they discussed multiple ways to remove the bridge. They initially thought that a crane could be brought in, but found that this won't work. They decided that the bridge could be pulled down and out with a big cat. Of course when they do that, it will violate every law known to man regarding water. However, to an agency, all in attendance agreed to help with the permitting, etc. Commissioner Lythgoe's recommendation is to go to Golden Sunlight and have Joe show them his powerpoint presentation and see if they are willing to help with equipment. Also, the Governor has a special fund that could help fund the project. Joe was also going to try to get his powerpoint before the Governor. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that it is his recommendation that Jefferson County step up and take the lead on this. He noted that he made it clear at the meeting that if we do this, we will not be responsible for the pilings, and everyone agreed that this would be acceptable. Commissioner Weber noted that Madison County has indicated that they may be willing to help as they can. Commissioner Notbohm noted that this bridge is over 200 feet long, and it would be nice to have a crane involved. He would like some disclaimers. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that everyone is willing to stand behind us and give us the permits, but no one is willing to take the lead. The bridge is situated in Jefferson and Madison Counties. The only reason that Madison County didn't commit to something at the meeting is because it was Road Department personnel in attendance. Commissioner Weber

stated that he heard from Dave Schultz that Madison County is willing to help.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to authorize Joe Carter to go beyond the fact-finding mission and take the lead to get the Cardwell bridge removed. Commissioner Notbohm seconded for discussion. He would suggest that they not get involved until they have full disclaimers in hand. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Weber stated that since they didn't do claims that morning, they would do them at this time.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernie Kennison stated, regarding minutes and their availability to the public, is there any problem with a volunteer coming in to help? Commissioner Weber stated that the problem is with the translation of the notes. And, the problem is not so much the Commission meetings as the myriad of other meetings and duties. They could probably have a meeting with Ernie and Bonnie to strategize how to deal with this. Ernie stated that he is willing to help. He doesn't want to take the job from someone if the Commission is considering hiring, however. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they have discussed recording the meetings, but then they would more than likely have to be transcribed.

Commissioner Notbohm moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
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